

KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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5:30 a.m., August 28, Update: Flash Flood Warning extended for Kaua'i; Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of Hanalei Bridge remains closed

The National Weather Service has extended the Flash Flood Warning for Kaua'i until 8:30 a.m., and a Flash Flood Watch for the island remains in effect until 6 p.m. this evening.

A Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is imminent or occurring in streams, roads and low-lying areas. Do not cross fast-flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

State Department of Transportation announces that the Kūhiō Highway convoy, between Waikoko and Wainiha, will cease until further notice due to weather conditions. To monitor updates, please visit state DOT's Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/HawaiiDepartmentOfTransportation.

Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge remains closed in both directions. Please stay tuned to local media for updates.

Ponding, low visibility and other hazardous driving conditions are expected. If you must drive, please do so with extreme caution.

Officials are announcing the following updates.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Hanalei Elementary School will be closed today, Aug. 28. For students attending Kapa'a Middle School and Kapa'a High School that reside in Hanalei, Wainiha and Hā'ena, bus services will not be operating.

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORMS

All residents are advised to report any damages that have resulted from Hurricane/Tropical Storm Lane, including today's Flash Flood event. If your home was damaged, please visit www.kauai.gov and click on the "Lane Damage Form Aug 2018" icon and fill out a damage assessment form.

ROAD CLOSURES

Kūhiō Highway near Mānoa Stream in Hā'ena remains closed.

POWER OUTAGES

 Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) reports that the power outages in 'Anini, Wainiha, and Hā'ena remain until further notice. KIUC troubleshooters were able to access the area overnight.

The information you provide may be used to determine whether or not certain federal aid is made available to residents of Kaua'i and the State of Hawai'i. Please contact KEMA at (808) 241-1800 if you require assistance with the form.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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